

## Tuition assistance payments top \$30 million

The DANTES Tuition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) experienced tremendous growth in FY03. The Reserve components supported by DANTES continued to expand their tuition assistance programs. DANTES processed payment authorizations for more than \$30.7 million during FY03 covering 88,974 courses. That compared to \$16.7 million during FY02 covering 50,243 courses.

reflects a major effort on the part of the TAMP team and those in the local education offices that advised the Service members and issued their tuition assistance.

The TAMP team consists of three civil service and thirteen contract members. The contract staff is divided into day and evening shifts. The day shift reconciles the TA forms and invoices and the evening shift does data entry. The civil service staff

Funds	TA Dollars	Courses
FY01	\$ 119,234.23	431
FY02	\$ 8,897,219.31	29,354
FY03	\$21,692,582.98	59,150
Total	\$30,709,036.52	88,935

The Reserve components supported by DANTES in FY03 were the Air Force Reserves, Air National Guard, Army National Guard, and the Army Reserves. DANTES also supports the Army and Marine Corps distance learning courses longer than 24 and 18 weeks respectively.

The TAMP processes multiple fiscal year funds during a given fiscal year. In FY03 we processed FY01, FY02, and FY03 TA funds. The total FY03 figures represent an 84 percent increase in TA dollars and 77 percent increase in the number of courses paid over the FY02 levels. This

processes the payment authorization and provides reports to the Services. The DANTES Financial Assistant and Purchasing Agents contribute significantly to this successful operation.

The average cost of a course processed by DANTES rose from \$327.28 in FY02 to \$366.77 in FY03, a 12 percent increase.

The Army Reserves has chosen to process its own tuition assistance payment authorizations in FY04. The TAMP team will miss the close working relationships that we have established and wish them a smooth transition.

## Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges to host workshop

The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) College Workshop is being held in conjunction with the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) annual symposium.

**When:** Monday, 2 February  
9 a.m. - noon

**Where:** Radisson Inn  
1111 East Cabrillo Blvd.,  
Santa Barbara, CA

The SOC College Workshop provides consortium updates and program information for institutional representatives of all 1,700 SOC member institutions. An overview of the SOC degree network system will also be presented.

Nonmember colleges/universities that want to learn more about serving military students through SOC are welcome to participate.

For more information about the workshop, call Kathy Snead at 1-800-368-5622, or e-mail [sneadk@aascu.org](mailto:sneadk@aascu.org).



## DANTES Distance Learning catalog updates

### DANTES External Degree Catalog

Add the following to the schools affiliated with DANTES:

#### Colorado Technical University Online

4435 N. Chestnut Street, Suite E  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
(847) 851-5000

Toll free 800-416-8904

Fax: (866) 426-2594

E-mail: [info@ctuonline.edu](mailto:info@ctuonline.edu)

Internet: <http://www.ctuonline.edu>

*Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

*Concentration in Management*

*Concentration in Information*

*Technology*

*Master of Science in Management*

*Concentration in Business*

*Management*

*Concentration in Project*

*Management*

*Concentration in IT Management*

*Concentration in Information*

*Systems Security*

### DANTES Independent Study Catalog

#### Australian College of Herbal Studies:

A new online course from the University of Missouri-Columbia addresses terrorism, the forms it can take, and how to prepare for and respond to terrorist actions.

*Nuclear Engineering 330: Science and Technology of Terrorism and Counterterrorism* will run from 20 January to 6 May 2004, and is

offered completely online.

The 3-credit-hour course, taught by faculty from the university's Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute, will address the scientific and technological aspects of different forms of terrorism. Students will learn about the nature of chemical and biological agents and their properties, including toxicity and health effects; nuclear threats; cyberterrorism; and disaster and emergency measures and preparedness.

Instructors Mark Prelas, Tushar Ghosh, and Dabir Viswanath are authors of *Science and Technology of Terrorism and Counterterrorism*, a ground-breaking textbook devoted to this subject. The course is open to both science and non-science majors, and registrants do not have to be enrolled in a degree program. No prerequisites are required.

For a complete description and registration information, visit <http://www.mudirect.missouri.edu/degrees/terrorism.htm> or call 1-800-545-2604 (from U.S. locations only) or (573) 882-3598.

### DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs

**Australian College of Herbal Studies** has changed its name to:

**Australian College of Health Sciences**

## Quarterly reports for DISCOVER due

For Education Centers and Family Support Centers that have the DISCOVER program, quarterly reports from October through December are due by 15 January. Negative reports **are** required.

You can fax the report to DSN 922-1162 or (850) 452-1162, or mail them to DANTES, Code 10B, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243.

## New edition of ACE publication delayed

The *National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs*, 2004-2005 edition, will be published in August by the American Council on Education (ACE). The later-than-usual release date is based on the scheduled review dates of courses attended by high numbers of Service members (NetG, SkillSoft, and Learning Tree.) The *National Guide* course completions appear on the AARTS and will appear on the SMART in the near future.

Because of its high cost, DANTES was unable to provide the 2003-2004 edition to education centers. However, this fiscal year we made a special effort to purchase the newest version. The *National Guide* lists credit recommendations for courses offered by non-collegiate organizations such as business and industry, labor unions, professional associations, and government agencies.

If there are any questions regarding the *National Guide*, e-mail [refpubs@voled.doded.mil](mailto:refpubs@voled.doded.mil) or call DSN 922-1763 or (850) 452-1763.

## Calendar

### January 2004

10-14 Praxis\*

### February

6 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

7 LSAT

### March

6-10 Praxis\*

### April

2 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

5-10 GRE Subject\*

17-21 Praxis\*

### Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

\*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

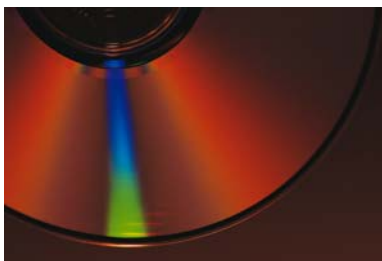
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## Revision of *DEPH, CLEP, Chapter 5* coming soon

Look for the new CLEP Computer-Based (eCBT) examinations chapter being distributed later this month. This revised chapter supplements the 1 October 2003 edition and includes up-to-date information on CLEP eCBT testing procedures and guidance.

## CLEP 2004 Study Guide on CD-ROM

If you haven't already, you should be receiving a CD-ROM from DANTES that contains the CLEP Sample Tests in PDF format for electronic or printed distribution to military personnel only. This CD-ROM replaces the photo-ready copies



previously sent with earlier versions of the "CLEP Study Guide." The 2004 edition is also available on the DANTES Web site for access by DANTES TCOs and ATCOs only.

The CD-ROM label provides the copyright provisions for local reproduction of these sample tests. This CD-ROM also allows for installation on education center computers or on an installation network by your technical support personnel.

The 2004 edition supports the CLEP eCBT computer-based tests available through national test centers. Starting in April 2004, these sample tests will also support the 14 paper-based CLEP eCBT tests available through DANTES Test Centers.

## CLEP recall effective 31 January

Effective 31 January 2004, the following six CLEP test titles must be returned to Chauncey Group International/ETS:

- CLEP General – Social Science and History
- Analyzing & Interpreting Literature
- College Algebra
- Introductory Psychology
- Principles of Management
- Freshman College Composition

All of these CLEP test titles will be reissued as paper-based versions of the CLEP eCBT tests in April 2004. As such, DANTES TCOs must ensure that these tests are returned immediately after 31 January 2004.

Only those Test Centers certified by Chauncey Group International/ETS as having returned all of these recalled tests (November 2003 and January 2004) without any inventory discrepancies are eligible to receive the new paper-based CLEP eCBT examinations in April 2004. Any unaccounted-for tests will result in a test loss/compromise investigation; eligibility to receive the new tests will be held in abeyance until the outcome of the investigation is known.

Your cooperation is essential for resumption of CLEP testing at your installation.

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